

Circa 1808

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MOUNT HEBRON  
Ellicott City  
Private

From Mount Hebron, home of Judge Thomas Beale Dorsey, went sons and daughters who built other outstanding architectural landmarks for Howard County, such as El Monte and Woodlawn.

The main house was built circa 1808 for Thomas Beale Dorsey by Colonel John Worthington Dorsey his father, who commanded an Elk Ridge Company in the Maryland line during the Revolutionary War.

A two and a half story, five bay wide two bay deep stone structure, Mount Hebron features proportionally scaled fenestration, central south and north entrances, twin gabled roof dormer windows and hipped roof south portico supported by four wooden posts and connecting ballustrade.

A shed roofed stone addition on the west wall of the house is conjectured to be earlier, while a fine gabled roof stone barn is located southwest of the property.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Mt. Hebron				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2330 Mt. Hebron Drive (Now on Calvin Circle)				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City,				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Howard		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____		
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2330 Mt. Hebron Drive				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records				
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Court House				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE: Maryland		21043
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 17,353-396				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b> 7.58 Acres p 400				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historical Sites Inventory				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		21401

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed		
	(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>This two-<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> story, five bay wide stone structure is reminiscent of Font Hill and Woodlawn with its gabled roof, fine proportions and heavy granite block construction laid on a stone foundation. Two gabled roof dormers are inset into the gabled roof of the east elevation which hold double hung windows with six-over-six lights.</p> <p>A second floor rectangular door with a fire escape is centered into the east wall. A hipped roofed portico with wooden ballustrade supported by four columns is centered into the middle three bays of the east wall. The fenestration is characterized by fine stone lintels, is double hung and proportionally scaled. It's north wall holds two double hung windows with six over-three lites. On the east bay there is a first floor double hung window decorated with a vertical stretcher stone flat arched lintel and wooden sill. The west or back elevation is five bays wide and has six steps on the right which lead to a stone landing topped with concrete which is set in front of a central first floor door. The fenestration is characterized by stone flat arched lintels and is proportionally scaled, 12-over-12 lites on the first floor, 12-over-8 lites on the second floor. A central double hung window lies midway between the first and second floors to lite the interior staircase landing. The south elevation holds two windows with six-over-six lites.</p> <p>A one story back addition with south wall brick chimney and west entrance door lies south of the south wall. A shed roofed enclosed wooden porch with wooden steps leads to a door on a further shed roofed addition on the south wall of the house. This is two stones high, one bay wide and two bays deep. Eight stone steps lead to the front porch whose south entrance door is surmounted by a three lite transom. The south windows are double hung and hold nine-over-nine lites. A large barn is located southwest of the main house which stands on a gently sloping Knoll and is presently used as part of the Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church.</p>			

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) circa 1808

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Several interesting facts were uncovered in an interview with Mrs. Eleanor Roger Thompson Brownley whose father, Dorsey Thompson was born at Mt. Hebron on January 8, 1840, the son of Gilbert Livingston Thompson and Mary Ann Tolley Dorsey, daughter of Judge Thomas Beale Dorsey.

Mount Hebron was built by Colonel John Worthington Dorsey, who commanded an Elk Ridge Company in the Maryland line during the Revolutionary War. He lived at Wyoming on St. John's Lane which has since disappeared. The house was built by him for his son, Thomas Beale Dorsey at the time of his marriage January 28, 1808 to Milcah Goodwin, a granddaughter of Caleb Dorsey of Belmont. At that time, fathers frequently built homes for their sons and daughters.

Judge Thomas Beale Dorsey was a well-known Howard District lawyer who became an able jurist and was Chief Justice at Annapolis. He frequently made the journey to Annapolis on horseback. When doing so, he brought two horses with him, one ridden by a small boy who accompanied him part of the way, exchanging horses with the judge when the judge's horse tired and hence returning to Hebron on the tired animal. It was due to his efforts as a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1851 that Howard District became Howard County.

Thomas and Milcah had eight children born to them, one of which, Sally Eliza (a daughter who never married) built El Monte, one of the most outstanding landmarks of Howard County. She was born to them January 3, 1817. Judge Thomas Beale Dorsey also built Woodlawn, another county landmark for his son Thomas Beale Dorsey, Jr.

Another daughter, Mary Ann Tolley born 3-31-1815, married Gilbert Livingston Thompson on February 23, 1839 and had her first child, Dorsey Thompson at Mt. Hebron on January 8, 1840.

Mount Hebron's date of construction is therefore established between the years 1808, the year of Judge Thomas Beale Dorsey's marriage and 1840 when Dorsey Thompson was born.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Eleanor Rogers Thompson Brownley,  
4298 Columbia Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland on December 13, 1976.

Warfield, J.D. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard  
Counties, Maryland. Baltimore 1972, pp 148, 151, 182, 403,  
496, 539.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Please see Tax Map 17, p. 400  
7.58 acres 353-396

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Howard County Office of Planning & Zoning		DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Court House Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mt. Hebron - Significance (continued)

Architecturally the building has faced some alterations on its front facade with the construction of a fire escape up to the second floor middle bay entrance door. Otherwise, the basic integrity of the house remains relatively unchanged with the fine stone work of the building exhibited in the stretcher stone flat arched lintels which decorate the rectangular proportionally scaled windows of the house.

A fine example of Howard County's stone mansions and associated historically with Judge Thomas Beale Dorsey, Mount Hebron should be included in any future local landmark legislation and considered for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places.

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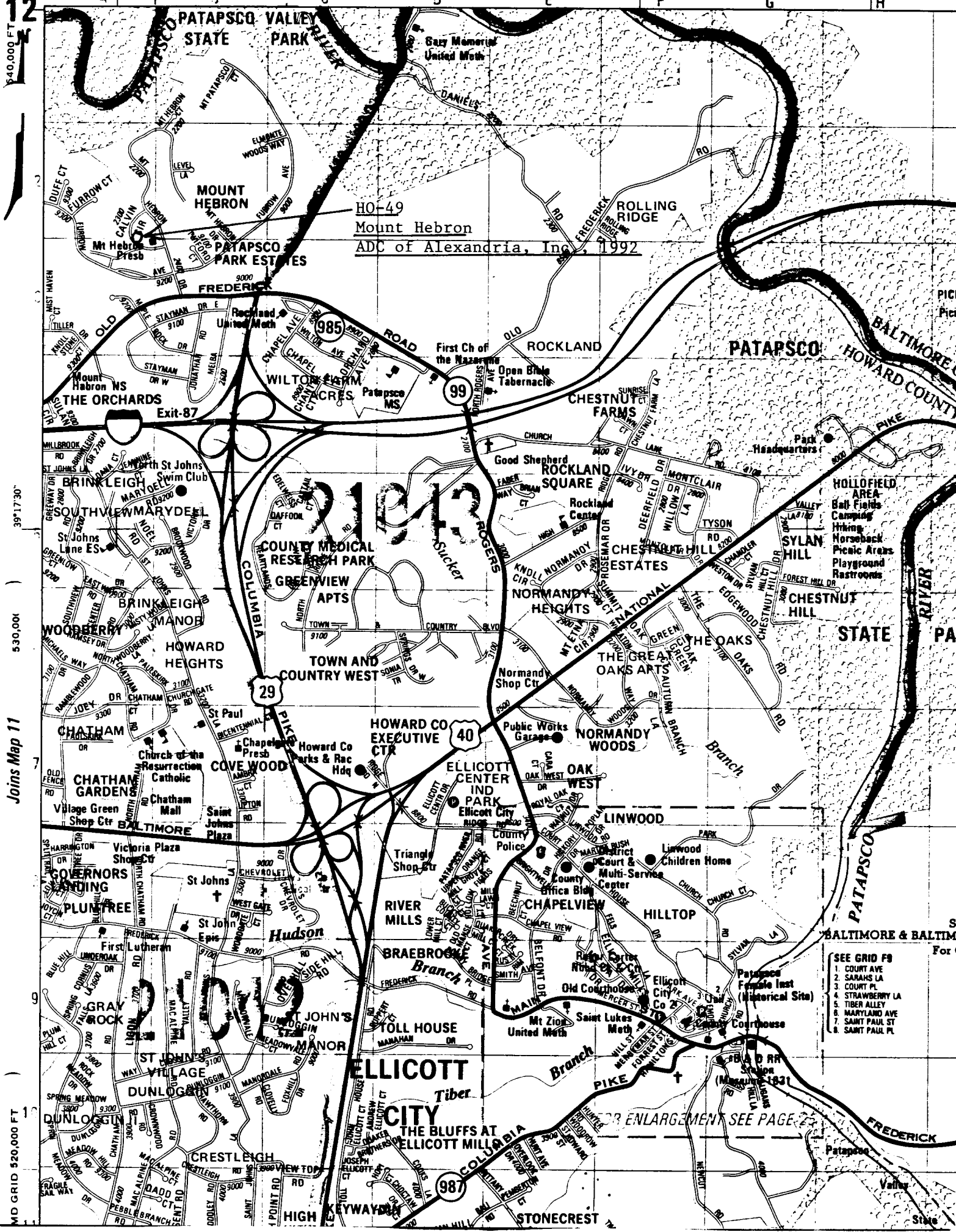
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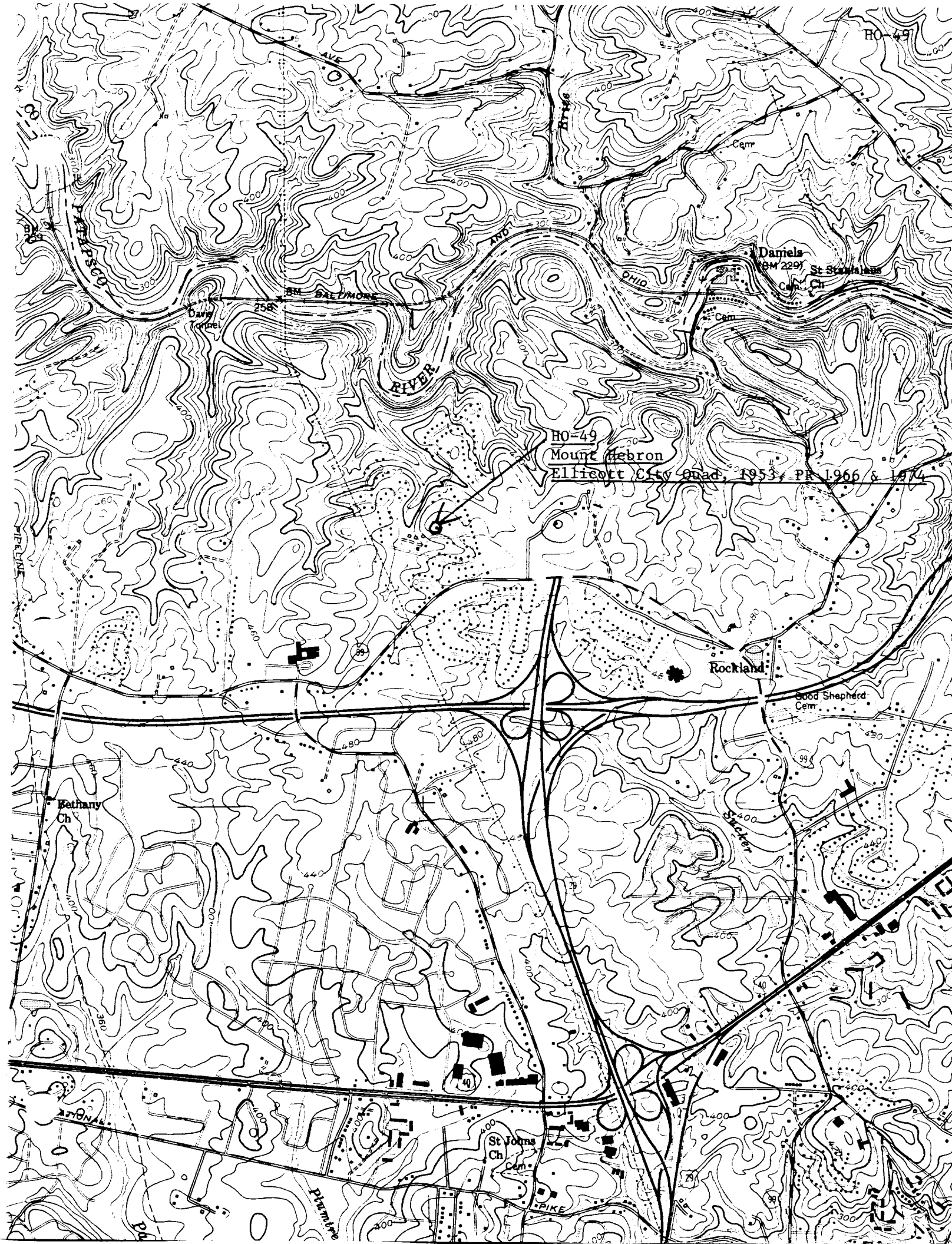
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Mount Hebron

Ellicott City Quad, 1953, PR 1966 & 1974

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CB THOMPSON



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DIST 2 HO-49  
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CB THOMPSON



MT. HEBREW HALL



DIST. 2 HO-49  
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CB THOMPSON